

Exhibit B

(50) Chemical Agent Deployed

TO: Inmate Grievance Program, (G.H.C.F.)

FROM: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

DATE: August 13, 2015

On August 3, 2015, while on line for breakfast in the west-side cafeteria two inmates started a fist fight. C.O. Cocuzza responded to the incident. But instead of trying to defuse the situation, he immediately began beating on the inmates with his baton in a Rodney King fashion--even hitting officers.

Among the two-hundred plus inmates in the cafeteria, C.O. Cocuzza's excessive force elicited verbal outrage. C.O. M. Nagy, who manned the tear gas tower, released a row of tear gas furthest away from the tower. Officers were backing inmates away when another row of gas was released. A stampede ensued with officers and inmates heading for the exit. C.O. Cocuzza turned suddenly on one of the exiting inmates swinging his baton crazily. Sergeant Cocuzza, his father, also supervised the events. Eventually, those of us still held inside were released into the "D & C" yard.

[REDACTED], we were ordered to strip down to underpants then lined up side-by-side with our hands against the walls. Approximately an hour elapsed before we got escorted in small groups to quickly rinse off our faces in hot outdoor showers. A three day lock-down followed without showers or medical attention.

This chaotic exercise could have caused the lives of inmates and civilians. It represents the culture of incompetence here that I've written grievances about constantly for almost ten years--to no avail. Inadequately trained, supervised, and disciplined prison guards, whose reckless disregard for established policies and procedures diminish, rather than promote the goals and objectives of DOCCS.

The State Department of Corrections can't possibly claim any legitimate penological interest in Green Haven's repeated safety and security breaches. And, against its officers' corrupt and abusive conduct, I have not meaningful remedy.

Action Requested:

1. Full exhaustion of this complaint as required by the Prison Litigation Reform Act; and
2. That grievant be awarded damages for continuous violations without redress of his State and U.S. Constitutional rights.

[REDACTED]

cc: Governor Cuomo, DOCCS Commissioner, Facility Superintendent, Attorney General, Inspector General/OSI, COC, DOJ, file.

50) Chemical Agent Deployed  
Grievance Complaint

Grievance No.

Green Haven Correctional Facility

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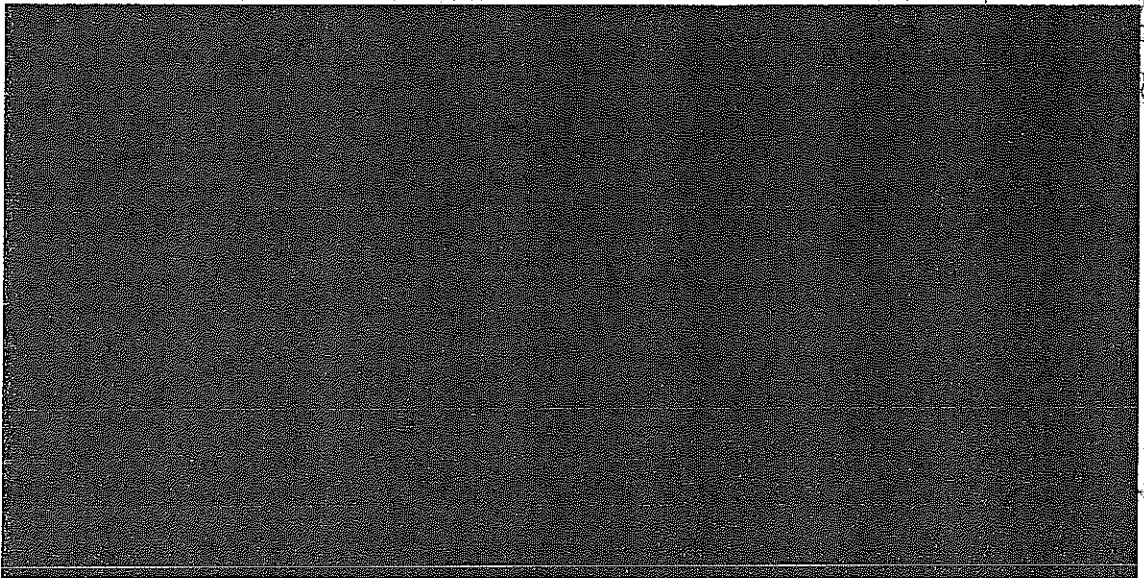
Date: August 20, 2015

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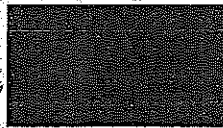
Housing Unit:

Program: Unemployed AMU

Description of Problem: On Monday, August 3, 2015, during the breakfast meal in the West Mess hall a group of guards broke up a two man fight. After both parties were separated chemical agents were dropped in the area closest to the serving windows. Sometime after the two men were escorted out of the Mess hall another round of the chemical agent was dropped in the middle of the mess hall. That was the area in which I was sitting. Subsequent to that some guards began to run out of the Mess hall screaming. After watching them run out, men sitting at different tables began to get up and walk out. While leaving the Mess hall I



Grievant Signature:



Adverse Requested: No

Action Requested: To be compensated for injuries suffered, mental and anguish and staff not following protocol.

## INMATE GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT

(50) Chemical Agent  
DEPLOYED

Grievance No.

GREEN HAUEN

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Date: 8/6/2015

Name:

Dept. No.:

Housing Unit:

Program: NORT AM NAME PM

(Please Print or Type - This form must be filed within 21 calendar days of Grievance Incident)\*

Description of Problem: (Please make as brief as possible) Description of loss is as follows

on 8/3/2015 At early morning when there was a  
WOMAN Fight which was under control when the officer  
in the control bubble suddenly released the GAS from the  
ceiling twice on every inmate officer which created A MA  
Panic & confusion & due to ever you being contaminated the officer  
made all inmates exposed strip down to their boxers soakers made

Grievant  
Signature:

Grievance Clerk:

Date:

Advisor Requested: ☒ YES ☐ NO Who:

Action requested by inmate: Investigate the situation

The Grievance has been formally resolved as follows:

This Informal Resolution is accepted:  
(To be completed only if resolved prior to hearing)Grievant  
Signature:

Date:

If unresolved, you are entitled to a hearing by the Inmate Grievance Resolution Committee (IGRC).

\* An exception to the time limit may be requested under Directive #4040, section 701.6(g).

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION  
GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT

Grievance No.

80418-15  
CONS.

GREEN HAVEN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Name [REDACTED] Date                       
Dir. No. [REDACTED] Housing Unit [REDACTED]  
Program [REDACTED] AM            PM           

(Please Print or Type - This form must be filled within 21 calendar days of Grievance Incident)\*

Description of Problem: (Please make as brief as possible) On August 3, 2015, in the  
West side messhall after an alleged inmate fight was brought  
under control and the individuals was lead out of the messhall, there  
was a series of gas pellets dropped on the messhall inhabitants  
this caused pandemonium [REDACTED]

Grievant [REDACTED]

Grievance Clerk [REDACTED]

Date:                     

Advisor Requested

☒ Yes

☐ No

Who:                     

Action requested by inmate:

That whoever is in the messhall both and controls the gas  
pellets does not again incorrectly release them without the  
proper criteria being established

This Grievance has been formally resolved as follows:

This Informal Resolution is accepted:

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Grievant

signature:                     

Date:                     

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GO Chemical Agent  
DEPLOYED

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT  
OF CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION  
INMATE GRIEVANCE PROGRAM

Grievance No.

Green Haven Correctional Facility

Date: 8-21-15

Name:

Location:

Program Am

Pm Unemployed

Description of incident: I would like to file a grievance on Green Haven staff for failure to properly and adequately train all officers placed at the messhall tower post on when duty to release chemical agent in messhall, failure to give me immediate medical attention when needed due to officer rushing to judgement and releasing a unknown chemical agent without authorization and for failure to allow me to properly clean myself from the unknown chemical agent by not providing the correct counteracting chemical to properly wash away unknown chemical agent. Also for losing personal property such as my belt, kufi and phone book due to staff misjudgement. On August 3, 2015 while I was attending the morning meal in the west side messhall a fight broke out between 2 inmates. Officers responded to the fight and had the situation under control and while responding officers took control of the situation between the 2 inmates the officer posted in side the gas booth in the west side messhall dropped the gas (for no reason needed) and started a violent commotion for staff as well as offenders because everyone was trying to free



they self from the unknown chemical agent. Everyon (staff & offenders) started to head for the door! the officer posted in gas booth then released 2 more cans of the chemical agent and created a more dangerous environment with chaos and people trying to get out of danger while everyone (staff & offenders) head for the door

[REDACTED] Upon me trying to get out the door I got knocked to the floor and trampled over with people stepping on me and I also hurt my back in the process of the mayhem. Offenders where ordered to go to the C/D yard and to put our hands on the wall place our ID cards in our hand. At that time I was telling a officer that I had asthma and need medical attention while the officer clearly seen me vomiting & struggling to breathe yet I was ordered to just get on the wall with my hands up regardless to my condition. Offenders where then order to strip down to our boxers and told to walk barefooted to the yard in which we were ordered to put our face and head under the hot water for approximately 10 to 15 seconds and then sent back to the block through the yard in my boxers & shoes. All property was taken and none returned and I lost my belt, kufi & phone back which was left in the yard on ground due to a direct order by staff.

[REDACTED] All of this I was going through 1985 horrible...



judgement by staff that was not properly trained in that field which was showed through staff actions and I should not have been treated with such cruel and unusual punishment. I denied medical attention when I really needed it.

Respectfully Submitted

ADVISOR REQUESTED: ☒ Yes ☐ NO

IF YES WHO: Anyone

Action Requested: I am requesting that Green Haven Correctional Facility staff be trained properly in any post they are assigned to - to prevent further dangerous situation and staff take everyone's (staff's/offenders) safety in consideration.

I am requesting that I be compensated for the lost of my property as well as the medical complications I have suffered due to the carelessness of staff at Green Haven C.F.

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION  
GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT

509 Chemer Agent  
Deployed

GREEN HAVEN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Employee No.

Date: AUG 20 2015

Name

On No.

Housing Unit

Program

AKG

(Please Print or Type) This form must be filed within 21 calendar days of occurrence (unless otherwise specified)

Description of Problem (Please make as brief as possible) ON AUG 3, 2015 I went to breakfast in the West Side Mess Hall and had experience the most insane situation of my incarceration. A minor small fist fight had transpired between two inmates and without following any procedures the officer inside the GAS Booth had dropped all tear gas in the Mess Hall. AS a result of the GAS being

Grievant

Grievance Clerk

Date

Adverse Requested

☐ Yes

☐ No

Who

This Grievance has been formally resolved as follows:

This Grievance Resolution is accepted:

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Grievant

Signature

Date

Understand, you are entitled to a hearing by the Inmate Grievance Resolution Committee (IGRC).  
Participation to the time limit may be requested under Directive #4040, Section 707.0(g)

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## INMATE GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT

Green Haven

50 Chemical  
AGENT  
Deployed

Grievance No.

80468-15

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Date AUG 5, 2015

Name

Dept. No.

Housing Unit

Program

AM

PM

(Please Print or Type - This form must be filed within 21 calendar days of Grievance Incident)\*

Description of Problem: (Please make as brief as possible)

On Aug 3, 2015 I went to breakfast in the west side Mess Hall, and endured the most difficult chaotic situation. A fight had took place inside of the Mess Hall between two inmates, then without any warning, the officer inside of the Gas Booth had dropped all of tear gas in the mess hall. So then they ran us out of the mess hall into CTA yard, once there, we were told to stripped down to our underwear and leave our personal belongings and get into the shower to decontaminate. Unfortunately I was told to leave my PRESCRIPTION EYE GLASSES, my personal shirt, A Belt and a pair of shorts.

Grievant  
Signature

Grievance Clerk

Date:

Advisor Requested

☐ YES☒ NO

Who:

Action requested by inmate:

To be compensated financially for my Personal belongings.

This Grievance has been informally resolved as follows:

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This Informal Resolution is accepted:

(To be completed only if resolved prior to hearing)

Grievant  
Signature

Date:

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(50)

To: Grievance

From: [REDACTED]

Loc: [REDACTED]

Date: 8/7/15

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> during breakfast in the west side Mess hall, an one on one fight occurred in the mess hall area in which, meanwhile officer that was in the tower dropped the Cus on all the inmates in the mess hall without authorization from his Supervisors. Inmates panicked and headed for the Stumbling over each other. Then I was ordered to stand at Side at the Sun and was given a hot Shower. The Sun and hot Shower [REDACTED]

Inmate Grievance

(50) Chemical Agent  
Deployed in  
Mess hall

Name: [REDACTED]

Din #: [REDACTED]

Loc: [REDACTED]

Program: [REDACTED]

Date: 8/4/2015

Subject: Staff Physical Abuse / Denied proper medical

On 8/3/2015, while I was in the Dining Hall, a two man fight occurred, in an attempt to stop the fight a group of officers went to the scene and start using their night sticks to beat these inmates, as this was going on a gaseous compound was simultaneously released in the air. Because of the irritation cause by the gas inmates panic and head towards the exit, at the prompt of this staff allowed all inmate to go to the rec yard, while we were in the yard all inmate was order by staff to place their hands on the wall in an almost 180° angle.

Thus, while I was in this position for more than an hour I began to put my elbow and head on the wall, that is when Officer Mozeller ordered me to put my hands on the wall high and flat.

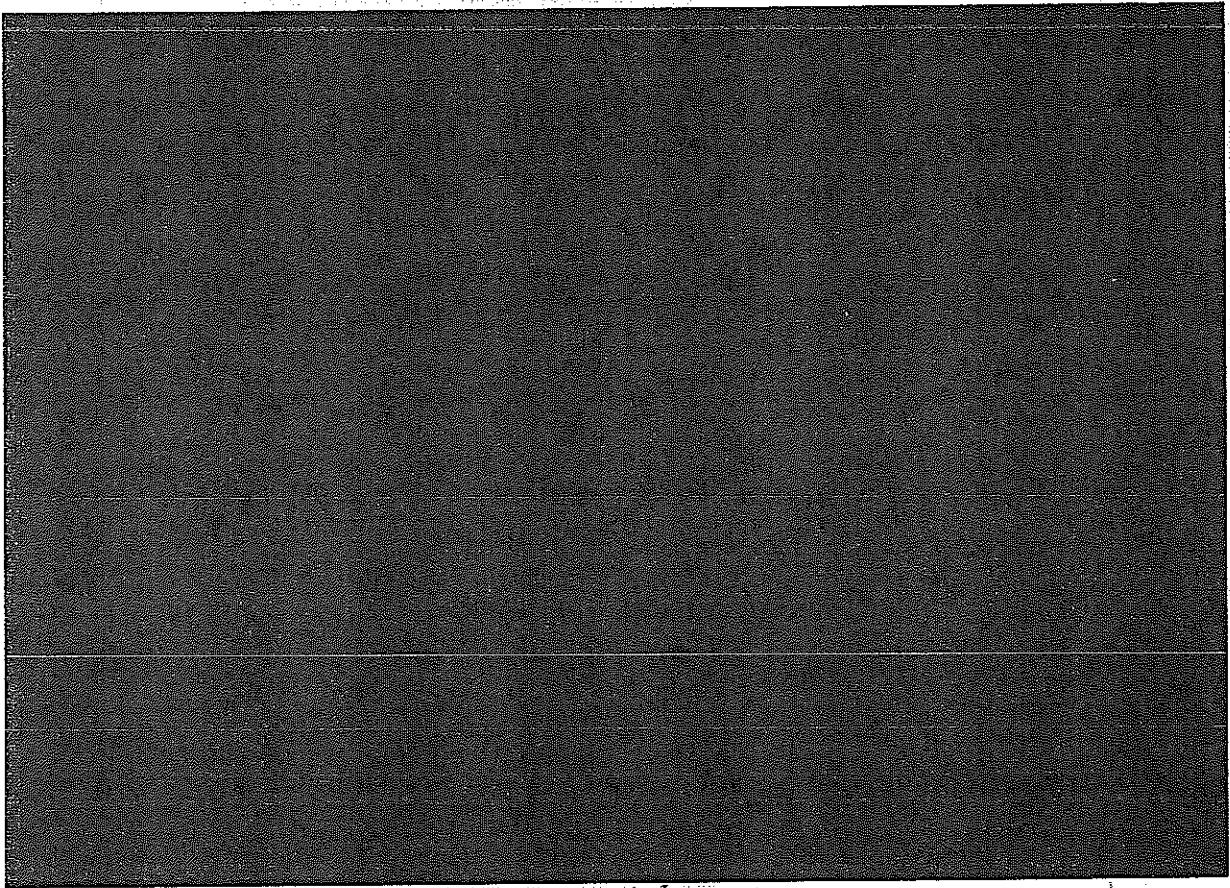
[REDACTED]

I was yet again ordered by the officers to place my hands high and flat on the wall, but when I was unable to follow this Command, the officers became loud, that is when two more officers and a Sergeant came over to where we were standing.

The Sergeant tell them to isolate me and make an example out of me, because he think that he is special, that is when the officers ordered the other inmates that lock in the same Block as me to go to the other side of the yard and then they bring me into the Hall way of B & C where officer Mozelles,

[REDACTED]



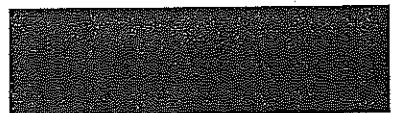


Action Requested

I am requesting for an investigation  
in this matter and proper action be taken

cc: Original Grievant office

Signed:



Green Haven C. of  
Formal Grievance

③① Chemical Agents  
Deployed

8/4/15

AUG 12 2015

To: JERC

#80418-15

This is a formal grievance filed pursuant DIR 40510.  
On 8/3/15 the AOC while attending the West Side Mess  
hall having breakfast, as DCS employee, without authorization, and  
without justification, released several canisters of teargas type  
chemical agents in the mess hall. This caused hundreds of prisoners to  
stampede out of the mess hall in search for a place to breathe.

[REDACTED]

Actions requested: ① The person assigned to the teargas booth  
should not be allowed to throw gas again. ② Preserve all the video tapes  
in the mess hall for that day for civil litigation purposes. It's evidence proving  
the contents of this complaint on a court room level. ③ Assure that it  
be seen by medical and not denied medical, and that it be seen by mental  
health regarding this traumatic event.

Respectfully submitted

[REDACTED]

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION  
GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT

(30) Chemical Agent Deployed  
in Messhall

Grievance No. \_\_\_\_\_

GREEN HAVEN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Din. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Housing Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_

AM \_\_\_\_\_

PM \_\_\_\_\_

Date

August 13, 2015

(Please Print or Type - This form must be filled within 21 calendar days of Grievance Incident)\*

Description of Problem: (Please make as brief as possible)

ON 8/3/15 while eating  
breakfast in the West Messhall officers responded to an alleged  
fight that was contained and controlled by all responding  
officers. After wards, gas was repeatedly released on everyone  
who occupied the messhall.

Grievant  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Grievance Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Requested

☐ Yes

☐ No

Who: \_\_\_\_\_

Action requested by Inmate:

Proper training to be established by staff  
when human lives are at stake.

This Grievance has been formally resolved as follows:

This Informal Resolution is accepted:

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Grievant

signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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GO Chemical Agent  
Deployed

GRIEVANCE Complaint

GRIEVANCE  
NO.

GREENHAVEN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

DATE: 8-19-15

NAME:

[REDACTED]

DIN:

[REDACTED]

HOUSING:

[REDACTED]

PROGRAM: NONE AM N/A PM N/A

Description of problem: On Monday 8-3-15 inside the westside messhall during breakfast a two man fist fight occurred & after the two had been separated a chemical gas was released in the rear area of the eating area. Within three 3 to 5 minutes of the gas circulating,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I was told by him to turn back around in my seat & sit there.

[REDACTED]

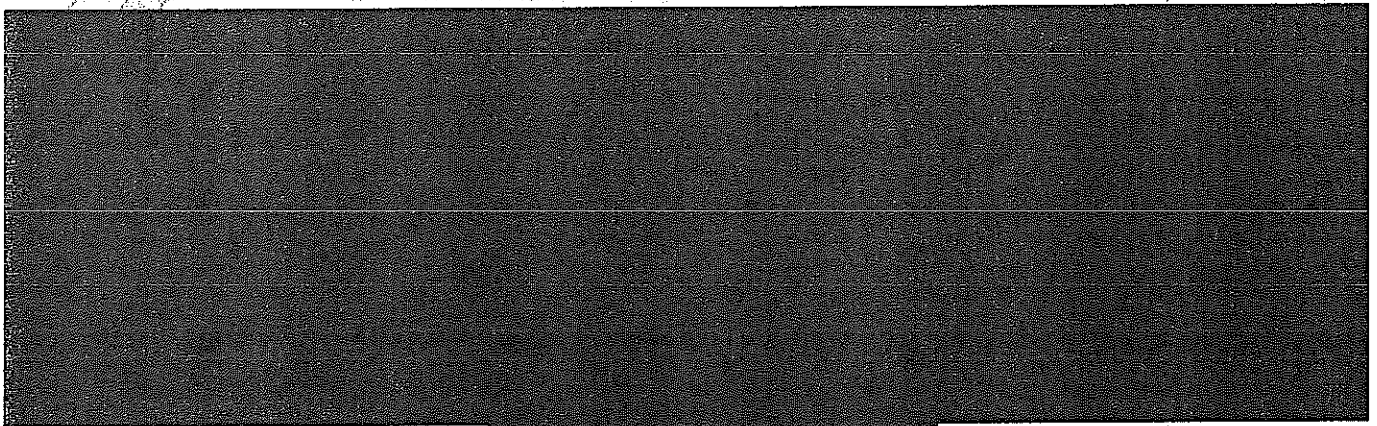
[REDACTED]

there was an explosion from the gas being released for the second time. This time it was released from the middle & front entrance of the messhall.

At this time the entire messhall got up

from every angle of the Marshall & pushed towards the only exit door.

In this disorderly evacuation & my state of condition I was pushed to the ground, tripped & dragged by an unknown person for safety.



GRIBBARD SIGNATURE:

GRIBBARD CLERK:

Date:

Advised requested: no  
action requested by inmate: for staff to follow protocol... to be compensated for my injuries, suffering (mentally & physically) & negligence for not taking my medical condition seriously.



(50) Chemical Agent  
Deployed

Grievance

cell

August 20, 2015

### Brief Statement

On August 3, 2015, During a inmate on inmate (two men) fight that was under control by officers and the alleged perpetrators was removed from the messhall, a chemical agent was dropped on inmates.

1. Hit with chemical agent
2. Trampled
3. Less than 30 seconds to rinse off the chemical agent

### Statement of Incident

On August 3, 2015, I [REDACTED] was in the messhall of Green Haven Correctional Facility, at approximately 8:15 AM.



An altercation broke out between two inmates.

Although the fight was under control by officers, and the two individual removed from the messhall, a chemical agent was dropped on the remaining inmates in the messhall.

[REDACTED]

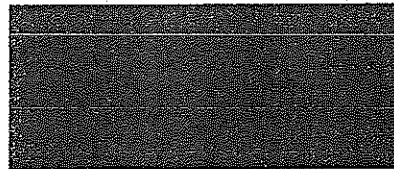
When I finally was able to get out of the messhall, I was directed to stand against the wall (which is located in the C and D yard) after a substantial period of time had passed it was decide by the authorities to put the inmates in the yard shower to wash out the chemicals from eyes and face area only, which I was given roughly 30 seconds to flush my eyes with water.

[REDACTED]

In closing, the officer made a mistake in dropping that chemical agent on about 300 plus people. This can be backed up by Camera footage of the incident, from the messhall cameras.

What action should  
be taken

That the proper guidelines are followed by  
trained personnel before dropping the chemical agent.



cc file

(S) Chemical Agent  
Deployed in Marshall

Off 80418-15  
CONSOLIDATED

TO: I.G.R.C

FROM: [REDACTED]

DATE: August 4, 2015

Re: Improper procedure, Excessive Force, Inadequate Medical Care, Loss of Property

On August 3, 2015, at approx 8:30am in the West Marshall there was a two man fight that required a response by the C.O's to control and restrain the situation. However, as the C.O's were controlling the fight, the C.O in control of the Chemical restraints, unleashed a wave of chemicals unnecessarily. Once the fight was contained, these chemicals continued to linger and spread

[REDACTED] The Sergeant that attempted to release the men from the contaminated area as he seen fit as many men and women had to undergo the harmful effects of the

[REDACTED] him. At this time, the officer controlling the chemicals unleashed a second wave of this harmful chemical but this time with more volume and intensity. Through a multitude of desperation and preservation everyone rushed for the only exit. That is I made it out of the Marshall doors, I was knocked to the floor and trampled over by many people, inmates and

[REDACTED] I was only my knits being commanded to "stand the fuck up before I take you back inside and roll you around in that shit" by an officer. I complied to the best of my ability while in the chemically induced state. The officers had us standing with our hands on the wall for 3 hours before we were told to strip of all of our possessions except for sneakers and underpants and to have everything because it is now

Continued. As a result, I had to give up my watch, belt, undershirt, brush and  
Ralph Lauren polo shirt.

I was then escorted back to my cell block in boxes and shackles. I sustained emotional sick call upon returning to my cell location because [redacted]

I want this grievance to be appraised all the way through to C.A.R.C. I also want all of the property that I lost to be taken off of my property list. I want a pair of state given pants. I want to be reimbursed for my loss of property and I am also asking that the CO's posted in positions of this magnitude be evaluated and found to be professionally ~~incompetent~~ ~~do~~ do their duties without malice in front and a sign and let be posted in those areas to make the final decision of whether those extreme measures be used or not. I also want to preserve a copy of both west mehall cameras for the record and review in my property.

*Licentia*

CC:FAK

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION  
GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT

(50) Chemical Agents  
Deployed

Grievance No. 80418-15

GREEN HAVEN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Date 8/5/15

Name [Redacted] Din. No. [Redacted] Housing Unit [Redacted]

Program unemployed AM PM  
Incident date 8/3/15 - west mess hall

(Please Print or Type - This form must be filled within 21 calendar days of Grievance Incident)\*

Description of Problem: (Please make as brief as possible)

Officer inside west mess hall center booth ejected the pepper spray/knife mechanism prematurely during a inmate fight inside mess hall. Thereafter a stampede ensued and the door exit entrance to the yard area was not adequate in size enough to accommodate the rushing crowd of inmates and officers.

Grievance Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor Requested ☐ Yes ☐ No Who: \_\_\_\_\_

Action requested by inmate: \_\_\_\_\_

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This Informal Resolution is accepted:

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Grievant

signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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⑤ Chemical Agent  
Deployed in  
Messhall

INMATE GRIEVANCE COMPLAIN

From: [REDACTED]  
Green Haven Correctional Facility  
P.O. Box 4000, [REDACTED] Cell  
Stormville, N.Y. 12582-4000

AUG 12 2015

# 80418-10

COMPLAINT: EXCESSIVE FORCE BY D.O.C.C.S. EMPLOYEES ON 8/3/2015

1. Excessive force was used on me inside of Green Haven Correctional Facility west side messhall when while eating my morning meal a fight broke out between two inmates inside of the messhall that I had no involvement in. The fight was broken up and under control by the Corrections Officers (C.O.s) that responded to it but, as the C.O.s were placing handcuffs on one of the combatants and putting the other one on the floor in order to handcuff him the feed up window gates came down and, the tear gas was released in the back of the messhall in front of the feed up windows. At that point the two inmates that were fighting were taken out of the messhall by the C.O.s after being handcuffed.

2. Then as the surgent was clearing the messhall on the other side the entire messhall was sprayed with more of the other tear gas that came from all of the valves.

3. The result of the tear gas being released caused panic inside the messhall and, everybody made a dash for the messhall door/entrance including myself.

4. During which I stumbled from being pushed from behind and was caught in a mass of bodies, some still running and on their feet, others fell and was trampled by other inmates trying to get out and away from the messhall.

[REDACTED]

6. We were corralled to the C & D block yard and told to line up facing the wall of the corridor and place our hands high above



our heads on that wall and don't fuckin move or look back! [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

7. After almost an hour, the first housing blocks that were called to move back off the wall was C & D Honor blocks. They were then told to line up and walk to the other wall, discard all of their clothing except for their foot wear. They were then told to walk over to the yard shower area. They then were told six at a time to go into the shower and wash off their faces and bodies. They then were told to get out of the showers, gather up their belongings and line up. They were then told to walk across the yard to the benches and, was then escorted back to their blocks. This process was repeated with J-block and I.C.P. block but, when A-block was called to do the same, myself and the other inmates of A-block were told that we cannot take back anything and were told to leave all jury, watches, gold chains, belts and, wallets on the ground with our discarded clothing, and proceed to the showers with only our footwear and eyeglasses but to leave the eyeglass cases and other property on the ground. No contraband slips were ever given to me or any of the A-block inmates for our property we were forced to leave on the ground. We completed the process and were taken back to our cells and locked in without any regard for our medical conditions. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

9. This pain and suffering was uncalled for because there was no riot, no weapons pulled in the messhall, and no maylay or groups fighting. There was only yelling from some of the inmates telling one C.O. to stop hitting the inmate with the night stick while they already had control of him.

10. The facility officials had a duty to keep me safe and to protect me from unreasonable risks but, they breached their duty to follow proper protocol once the gas was released on me and other inmates eating inside of the messhall that day. Furthermore, prison officials controlling the situation foreseen the risk of harm once the first stage of gas was released in the back section of the messhall and the surgent ordered the C.O.s to get the inmates out of the messhall.

RELIEF SOUGHT

1. I seek either a replacement or the money suitable for the replacement of my watch, belt, and kufi that I was forced to leave on the ground after having to take off all clothing.

2. I seek a copy of the explanation written into the report on why the gas was released after the two man fight was under control.

3. I seek a contraband slip for the property, i.e., watch, belt and, kufi.

4. I seek that a full investigation of the matter be done and, a copy of the investigative reports of the occurrence.

[REDACTED]

6. That video footage from 8/3/2015 occurrence within morning messhall camera be made available to the proper authorities if needed.

7. I seek an appointment [REDACTED] of going into the [REDACTED]

messhall or, any other area of the facility capable of releasing gas on me or any other inmate.

Copies sent to:

1. I.G.R.C. of Green Haven Correctional Facility.
2. C.O.R.C. of the D.O.C.C.S.
3. Inspector General's Office
4. The Legal Aid Society

Respectfully submitted,



cc filed

To: Inmate Grievance Committee

(22) Chemical Agents  
Released

from: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])

Dated: 8/3/15

# 80418-15

Re: Exposed to chemical Agent at  
messhall & clothes, back brace,  
wallet & permits confiscated and  
destroyed.

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On the above cited day, at approx' 7:30-8:00 AM there  
was an incident involving two inmates, minutes after the  
inmates were removed from the messhall, chemical Agents  
were released near the serving area, the officers began to  
evacuate those inmates, then about one minute later chemical  
agents were released at the center area of the messhall  
and near the exit area thus causing officers and inmates  
to panic and run towards the exit, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] over and  
pushed onto a wall. The officers opened the yard door,  
we were stripped of our clothes and our wallets etc.  
rinsed out in the shower, and escorted back to the block  
in our underwear, my clothes, wallet, program card,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were all thrown away due to chemical  
contamination, at the end of it all, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] clothes, wallet & permit  
with med limitation for can be replaced, restored, [REDACTED]

INMATE GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT

[REDACTED]  
Green Haven Correctional Facility  
PO Box 4000  
Stormville, NY 12582

August 21, 2015

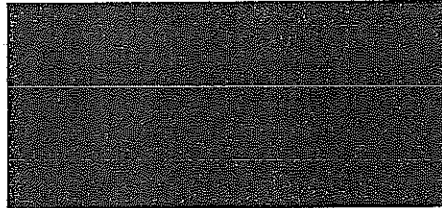
On August 3, 2015, at approximately 8:00 am, prior to entering the West-side mess hall, I had to leave my file folder that contained legal documents and work that I was taking to my assigned program ([REDACTED]) on the bench outside the mess hall. I was in the West-side mess hall eating breakfast when an altercation took place. As the altercation was being handled and put under control, the officer in the gas booth released a white powdery substance from the ceiling that caused [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
In the mix of the mess hall being cleared, and while there was a substantial amount of prisoners and guards still in the mess hall, the officer in the gas booth released some more of the white powdery substance into the mess hall causing panic and a stampede by both the [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
While outside in the C&D yard, I was told to take off all of my clothing except for my underwear and to wash my face in the shower. I was then instructed to go back to my cell and lock in. Sometime after being locked in my cell, an officer came down the company asking [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The clothing that was taken from me has not been replaced by the State Shop. My folder that contained legal documents was lost and never retrieved.

Action Requested: I want to be informed of the name and chemicals the white powdery substance contained and all side effects attributed to this substance. I request a full reimbursement for the documents that were lost during this ordeal. I request to see my provider as soon as possible, and also that I be placed on a State shop call out.





Grievance Greenhaven C.F.  
(5) Chemical Agents Deployed

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

8/5/15

Problem: On 8/3/15 after the gas was dropped on me from the west mess hall, I was in the C & D yard and told to strip down to my underwear and leave my clothes, belt, and watch in the yard and get in the shower for 10 seconds. I was ordered to leave my clothes and property in the yard and to return to my cell dressed in my underpants only. I received my I.D. card yesterday (8-4-15) after that was taken from me in the yard ~~in~~ before being stripped down. I have not received my watch or my belt, and the state issue pants, shirt, t-shirt and my personal black socks. I need my clothes back and my belt and watch, I have not been told anything about my property.

[REDACTED]

Action Requested:

To have my personal items returned to me: my watch, my belt and black socks. Also to have my state issue pants, shirt and t-shirt returned to me.

AUG 12 2015

cc: [REDACTED] file  
Superintendent Coffin, T.  
Grievance Director  
P. D. R. C.

# 80418-15

(C)

# Grievance Green Haven C.F.

AUG 12 2015

unemployed

8/5/15

Description: On 8/3/15, at approximately 8:00 AM during the breakfast meal in the West messhall, there was an altercation between two(2) inmates in which the C.O.'s responded by attempting to break them apart. One C.O. came over battering one of the inmates with his baton and the other C.O.'s had to get out of his way. Once the inmates were separated and one taken out of the messhall the gas was dropped on everyone in the messhall. I sat at my table covering my face with my shirt as the fans was blowing the gas throughout the messhall. The C.O.'s began to evacuate one side of the messhall, (the side opposite me). As the evacuation was taking place another C.O. ran over ~~at~~ to the spoon receptacle and placed it in the exit which made it difficult for those ~~going~~ exiting. While this was taking place numerous inmates on the side of the messhall

that was ~~initially~~ initially dropped and requested attention which staff was confused on how to deal with. While some was being escorted out others were made to remain and suffer, myself included. At this time both inmates in the altercation were removed from the messhall. Several C.O.'s began to scream loudly "shut up" when we were having trouble with the gas while sitting at

continued...

(2)

Grievance Green Haven

8/5/15

Description

Continued:

[REDACTED] a C.O. ran over to him and the gas was dropped again and at this time the gas overwhelmed the entire mess hall. It was like an explosion. The C.O.'s and the Sgt. began to scream "Everybody out" I got up and made my way through the gas to the exit and was jammed up at the door. As I was being pushed through the exit, I fell over the inmates who were laying on the ground and [REDACTED]

I struggled to my knees and was helped outside by a C.O. who I could not identify because [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the C.O. got me to the yard. [REDACTED] At that time I can remember hearing a few different voices yelling for me to get up against the wall. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I heard Sgt. Kautman approach me and tell me to stay down until I can get myself together. [REDACTED]

I was told to stand against the wall and await decontamination. I stood in the sun for at least 30 minutes before I was allowed to rinse myself for 10 seconds in the shower. I was seen by medical on 8/3 and 8/4/15. [REDACTED]

Action Requested: To have the gas booth C.O. trained

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION  
GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT

(50) Chemical Agent Deployed  
in Messhall

Grievance No.

80478-18

GREEN HAVEN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Name

Date 8-3-15

Housing Unit

Program

AM

PM

(Please Print or Type - This form must be filled within 21 calendar days of Grievance Incident)\*

Description of Problem: (Please make as brief as possible) ON 8-3-15 A Fight broke out in messhall between two inmates and the officer in the messhall watch tower drop a small amount of tear gas that was essential for while inmates was being evacuated the officer dropped more tear gas which cause havoc and me to get stamped and hurt trying to get out. All inmates were evacuated to the yard and stripped down to boxer shorts and leave our property, which where never return

Grievant  
Signature

Grievance Clerk

Date

Advisor Requested

☐ Yes

☐ No

Who

Action requested by inmate:

The officer be held accountable that dropped the tear gas which made the situation escalate and inmates to be hurt and for the facility to train how to evacuate

This Grievance has been formally resolved as follows:

AUG 12 2015

This Informal Resolution is accepted:

(To be completed only if resolved prior to hearing)

Grievant

signature

Date

If unresolved, you are entitled to a hearing by the Inmate Grievance Resolution Committee (IGRC).

\*An exception to the time limit may be requested under Directive #4040, section 701.6(g).